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and there were 62 births. As usual, paddy and ragi required for the Farm employees were cultivated on the Farm and supplied to the Farm's Grainage depot for being sold to the farm employees. Proposals for enlisting the co-operation of the Bangalore Race Club for expanding the activities of the Farm so as to make it self-supporting were under the consideration of Government.

Live-Stock Section.

443. The seasonal conditions were fairly satisfactory during the year. Fodder and water were available to the cattle in all the kavals of Holalkere area, but in Hassan area there was scarcity of fodder and water owing to the failure of mungar rains, necessitating longer stay of the Government herds in the jungles.

444. The strength of the herds at the beginning of the year was 891. During the year, there were 179 births and 104 deaths. Ninety-eight, one hundred and forty-one and forty-seven animals were transferred to the herds from the Cattle Breeding Stations at Ajjampur, Devapura and Lakkihalli respectively. Forty-seven animals from all herds were sold by public auction for a sum of Rs. 15,270. The year closed with 851 animals consisting of 665 females and 186 males.

445. An extent of 4,350 acres of land was leased out during the year for temporary cultivation.

446. *Fisheries Section.*—Fishery conservation measures were enforced during the year in the three divisions comprising Mysore, Mandya, Shimoga and Kolar Districts. Fishing was permitted only under license or lease of fishing right. Three thousand seven hundred and fifty-five fishing licenses were issued and 242 tanks and 258 miles of water channels were leased out. The Section participated in the Mysore Dasara Exhibition by arranging a demonstration on fishery development.

447. *Bee-keeping Section.*—One new centre was opened during the year and 11 were continued. There were 508 private bee-keepers in 257 villages of the State, maintaining 1,127 colonies which yielded 4,488 lbs. of honey. At the Central Bee-Farm at Hessarghatta, 25

more colonies were set up bringing the total to 46 at the end of the year. This Section took an active part in the Congress Exhibition, Bangalore and the Dasara Exhibition, Mysore, where methods of rearing bees on improved lines and extraction of honey by hygienic and scientific ways were demonstrated to the public.

(vi) Condition of the People.

Rainfall and Seasonal Conditions.

448. The rainfall during the year was above the average of 35 years, but was somewhat untimely and not well distributed as a result of which, mungar crops like jowar in parts of Mysore District suffered badly. The Paddy Crop in parts of Bangalore, Kolar Shimoga, Tumkur and Chikmagalur was also affected resulting in low yield. The paddy crop in parts of Tarikere Taluk and certain parts of Mysore District was affected by pests due to untimely rains. On account of these adverse circumstances, remission of half wet assessment amounting to Rs. 1,26,570 was sanctioned during the year in parts of Bangalore, Kolar, Mysore, Tumkur and Chitaldrug and remission of half dry assessment in Bangarpet Taluk of Kolar District amounting to Rs. 12,448-6-4 was also sanctioned. In the Taluks of Sorab and Sagar crops were affected by heavy floods in the Varada River and remission of half the wet assessment was also granted in respect of such lands. The agricultural stock was generally healthy and food and water were available to them. Novertheless, the yield of the principal food crops in the State as a whole was not seriously affected and it was about the same as in the previous year.

449. Public health was also generally good throughout the State, except for the prevalence of plague and cholera in some parts of Mysore District and small-pox in parts of Kolar District. Necessary preventive measures were taken to arrest the spread of the epidemics. Sufficient labour was available to the cooly classes.

Distress. Relief.

450. There was no distress in any part of the State during the year. Owing to uneven and partial failure of mungar rains, however, the outturn of dry crops such as jola in some Taluks of Mysore District was less than expected. For the same reason tanks in Kolar District did not receive the normal supply of water with the result